GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LABOUR
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:127
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RATE OF INTEREST ON EPF
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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has received a communication from the Ministry of Finance to reduce the interest rate on EPF from 9.5% to 9%;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Employees Provident Fund`s Central Board of Trustees has agreed to the said proposal;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether this decision is likely to be reviewed in the interest of lakhs of workers; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b) to (f): The Central Board of Trustees, Employees` Provident Fund in its meeting held on 22nd Jan., 2002 considered the issue of declaration of rate of interest in respect of EPF subscribers for the year 2002-03 and has recommended continuation of 9.5% rate of interest pending further consideration of the matter. The CBT (EPF) in its special meeting held on 12th April, 2002 has again desired that the rate of interest of 9.5% recommended on interim basis in the last meeting should continue. The recommendation of the CBT (EPF) is under consideration of the Government.